

EXHIBIT A

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Hon. Edwin H. Stern, P.J.A.D.
66 North Tower, Suite 1101
158 Headquarters Plaza
Morristown, N.J. 07960-3965

Re: D'Agostino v. Hecker
Docket No. A-000279-09T1

Dear Judge Stern:

I just received an order signed by you in which you have dismissed the appeal with prejudice. As I previously indicated to the Court, I filed a petition of bankruptcy on May 7, 2010 (3:10-bk-24143 (RTL)), which automatically stays any proceeding. Thus, the order was improperly entered and should be vacated by the Court's own motion.

As I indicated when I notified the Court about the bankruptcy, my understanding of the law was that I have two years in which to activate the appeal. At least, my bankruptcy attorney has so advised me.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Laurence A. Hecker

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CC: Mr. Steven D'Agostino

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Re: Steven D'Agostino vs. Laurence A. Hecker
Docket No. A-000279-09T1

Dear Mr. Hecker:

Your letter to Judge Stern, dated June 10, 2010, was forwarded to me for a response. I reviewed the file folder in the above matter and there is no indication therein that you had filed a bankruptcy petition on May 7, 2010. Therefore, if you would like the order by Judge Stern, signed June 1, 2010, dismissing your appeal vacated or amended, you should file a formal motion.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

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Chief Counsel

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cc: Hon. Edwin H. Stern
Steven D'Agostino ✓